

SENATE BILL 3858
By Cohen

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62,
Chapter 4, relative to natural hair styling.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

62-4-135.

(a) In addition to an applicant meeting the requirements of Section 62-4-121, the board shall approve an application for a free standing natural hair school offering the natural hair styling curriculum prior to the operation of any such school. A natural hair school shall have: one (1) work station with adjustable chair per student working on the clinic floor with a minimum of ten (10) stations; a minimum of five (5) floor-based hooded dryers; and at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet of floor space, including an enclosed classroom for theory instruction.

(b) An individual with a license as a cosmetology instructor in this state in good standing on July 1, 2006, shall be authorized to practice natural hair care. An individual with a license as a cosmetologist in this state in good standing on July 1, 2006, shall be authorized to practice and instruct natural hair care.

(c) Licensed natural hair stylists may become instructors with an additional three hundred (300) hours of instructor training.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the license renewal fee for natural hair stylists shall be the same as for cosmetologists, and such fee for natural hair technicians shall be the same as for shampoo technicians.

(e) An individual licensed as a natural hair stylist on July 1, 2006, shall renew such license as a natural hair technician.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-4-103(b)(1), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subdivision: Beginning with any vacancy arising on and after July 1, 2006, at least one of the licensed cosmetologist members shall be a licensed cosmetologist with at least three (3) years of experience working as a natural hair stylist.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-4-110(f), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(f)

(1) Any person who desires a natural hair styling technician license shall submit an application for examination to the board on the prescribed form. The application shall be accompanied by:

(A) A nonrefundable, nontransferable application and examination fee as set by the board; and

(B) Satisfactory proof that the applicant has attained the age of at least sixteen (16) years, and has completed and passed a course of instruction of not less than three hundred (300) hours in the practice and theory of natural hair styling at a school of cosmetology or at a natural hair school.

(2) Any person who desires a natural hair styling license shall submit an application for examination to the board on the prescribed form. The application shall be accompanied by:

(A) A nonrefundable, nontransferable application and examination fee as set by the board; and

(B) Satisfactory proof that the applicant has attained the age of at least sixteen (16) years, and has completed and passed a course of instruction of not less than one thousand five hundred (1500) hours in the practice and theory of natural hair styling at a school of cosmetology or at a natural hair school.

(3) A natural hair technician who applies for a natural hair stylist license shall only be required to obtain one thousand two hundred (1200) hours of instruction beyond the three hundred hours required for the technician license.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-4-102, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision to be appropriately designated:

() "Natural hair technician" means a person licensed to practice as a natural hair technician;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-4-113, is amended by inserting the language "natural hair styling technician," immediately after the language "manicurist," in subsections (a) and (b).

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-4-115, is amended by inserting the language "natural hair styling technician," immediately after the language "manicurist," in subdivision (2).

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-4-117, is amended by inserting the language "natural hair styling technician," immediately after the language "manicurist," in subsection (a).

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.